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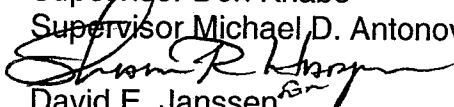
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## SACRAMENTO UPDATE

### Pursuit of County Position on Legislation

County-sponsored AB 800 (Lieu) was amended by the author on June 6, 2007 to restore the penalties for failure to report a sewage spill to the levels in existing law. AB 800 faced substantial opposition from the California Wine Institute, California League of Food Processors, California Manufacturers and Technology Association, California Chamber of Commerce, California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA), and the Association of California Water Agencies, among others. All of these organizations strongly opposed the increase in penalties imposed by the bill. The California Wine Institute and CASA indicated to the County's advocates and the author's staff that they would oppose any increase in penalties. Rather than lose the bill entirely, the author agreed to amend it to remove this opposition. The bill continues to clarify existing law which requires immediate notification of the local county local health officer in the event of a sewage spill, and provides that failure to immediately notify is punishable by a fine. Because this was an important element of the legislative change sought by the County, **our Sacramento advocates will continue to pursue AB 800 as a County-sponsored bill.** AB 800 passed the Assembly Floor on June 7, 2007 by a vote of 56 to 6, and now proceeds to the Senate Rules Committee for policy committee assignment.

### **Legislative Proposal Regarding Transfer of Trial Court Facilities**

CSAC has recently been advised by staff to Assembly Speaker Fabian Nuñez that they will seek an amendment to County-supported SB 145 which would place an additional fiscal requirement on any county that does not complete the transfer of trial court facilities to the State by June 30, 2007. The amendment would require a county to increase the maintenance-of-effort payment for facilities maintenance by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for a two-year period for those facilities which are not transferred by that date. As currently drafted, SB 145 would extend the June 30, 2007 deadline for transfer of responsibility for court facilities from the counties to the State to December 31, 2008.

Existing law, established by SB 1732 (Escutia) in 2002, authorizes and encourages the transfer of responsibility for court facilities from counties to the State. These transfers are to be negotiated on a building-by-building basis, resulting in agreements governing each facility. Each transfer carries an annual maintenance-of-effort payment from counties to the State to offset the transferred costs of facility operations. Although the County has worked diligently and cooperatively with the Judicial Council to accomplish these transfers, they cannot be completed by the existing deadline of June 30, 2007. This new proposal appears to contravene the original agreement with counties which established the basis for transfer of court facilities in SB 1732.

CSAC staff indicates that the details of this proposal and any support it may have in the Senate are unclear, and they will continue to provide additional information as it becomes available.

### **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation**

**County-opposed AB 81 (Torrico)**, which would extend the timeframe to safely surrender a newborn from 72 hours to 30 days and allow cities to designate fire departments as safe surrender sites as long as they have consulted with county boards of supervisors and child welfare agencies, passed the Assembly on June 6, 2007 by a vote of 64 to 14, and it now proceeds to the Senate.

**County-supported AB 308 (Galgiani)**, which would require the State Department of Mental Health to adopt regulations to provide for the prompt reimbursement of Medi-Cal claims to counties for services under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Program, passed the Assembly on June 6, 2007 by a vote of 78 to 0, and it now proceeds to the Senate.

**County-supported and amended AB 1481 (De La Torre and Krekorian)**, which would require the State Water Resources Control Board (WRCB) to establish general discharge permits for landscape irrigation projects utilizing recycled water for which the State Department of Public Health has set recycling criteria, and authorize the WRCB to establish a reasonable schedule of fees to reimburse the WRCB for the costs it incurs in adopting and administering the general permit, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file on June 1, 2007, as amended, and now proceeds to the Assembly Floor. Although the County supports AB 1481, we are requesting that the bill be amended to clarify that the general discharge permit would apply to any irrigation uses for which the State Department of Public Health has or will set recycling criteria.

**County-supported and amended SB 46 (Perata)**, which would provide the statutory framework for the distribution of funds from the \$850 million Regional Planning, Housing, and Infill Incentive Account contained in Proposition 1C, the Housing and Emergency Trust Fund Act of 2006, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on May 31, 2007, as amended, by a vote of 11 to 4, and now proceeds to the Senate Floor. Although the County supports SB 46, we are requesting that the bill be amended to: 1) remove for profit or nonprofit entities as eligible applicants; 2) use 50 percent of the Area Median Income for the income levels for the affordable units; and 3) require nongovernmental applicants to show support from the local government in which the real property is located.

**County-opposed unless amended SB 55 (Florez)**, which would require publicly owned treatment works (POTW) to submit certification to the regional water quality control board that any sewage sludge transferred from the facility for disposal or further processing meets regional board POTW requirements and standards for pollutants, and require the POTW to submit the certification to any person or facility that accepts sewage sludge from that POTW for disposal or processing, and require the POTW to submit certification to haulers transporting the sewage sludge that it is nonhazardous, including whether the sewage belongs to a particular class, or contains other pathogens, was placed on the Senate Appropriations Committee's suspense file on May 31, 2007. The County will continue to oppose this measure unless it is amended to exclude sewage sludge from a POTW that is transferred from the facility for further treatment and disposal by another POTW with a waste discharge requirement issued by the regional boards.

### **County Interest Bills**

**AB 1164 (DeLeon)**, which would authorize providers of licensed family child care and license-exempt child care to select a provider organization to negotiate the terms of

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child care services, passed the Assembly Floor on June 6, 2007 by a vote of 43 to 27, and it now proceeds to the Senate.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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